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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER KIRK' S VIEWS ON A VISIT TO US
AND ON ANZUS MEETING

REF: STATE 120239

1. PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WOULD NOT HAVE TIME TO
VISIT US DURING PERIOD OF OTTAWA COMMONWEALTH MEETING
BUT " I WILL PROBABLY GO BACK IN CONNECTION WITH
GA." HE WOULD WELCOME A MEETING WHEN MUTUALLY
CONVENIENT BUT NOT IN CONNECTION WITH WHITLAM VISIT.

2. HE WOULD PREFER THAT SECRETARY ROGERS HEAD US
DELEGATION TO ANZUS MEETING BUT IF IMPOSSIBLE WOULD
STILL HOPE THAT MEETING COULD BE HELD IN WELLINGTON
" FOR REASONS WHICH ARE CLEAR." HE DID NOT GIVE
REASONS BUT HE HAS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED AS REPORTED
HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE ANZUS MEETING IN ANY
WAY ASSOCIATED WITH SEATO MEETING AND WOULD PREFER
TO HAVE ANZUS MEETING ROTATING BETWEEN CAPITALS OF
THREE MEMBERS IN CONNECTION WITH DESIRE THAT GNZ
APPEAR TO BE TAKING A MORE INDEPENDENT FOREIGN
POLICY, WHICH HE FEELS FITS IN WITH NIXON DOCTRINE.
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